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SUBJECT: GON DENOUNCES PRIVATE AID TO LA PRENSA

1. SUMMARY: THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCING THE ATTEMPTED AIR SHIPMENT OF PAPER FOR LA PRENSA FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE SANDINISTA PRESS HAS CHARACTERIZED THIS EFFORT AS A PROPAGANDA MANEUVER AND HAS REPORTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT BUSH HAD THREATENED THE GON CONCERNING THE SHIPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. SANDINISTA-CONTROLLED EL NUEVO DIARIO (END)
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OF APRIL 12 CARRIED A PAGE-ONE ARTICLE ON A GON COMMUNIQUE WHICH DENOUNCED THE ATTEMPTED SHIPMENT OF PAPER FOR INDEPENDENT DAILY LA PRENSA. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CRITICIZED THE DONATION OF ITEMS FOR NICARAGUAN CHILDREN BY AN AMERICAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION. END'S ARTICLE, TITLED, "VULGAR PROPAGANDISTIC MANEUVER," SAID THAT "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TRIED TO MAKE THE SHIPMENT FOR PROPAGANDA REASONS, USING A PRIVATE CHANNEL THAT IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN A CHANNEL OF THE CIA AND HAS ON OTHER OCCASIONS GIVEN MONEY TO THE CONTRAS AS WELL AS LA PRENSA."

3. THE END ARTICLE NOTED, "WIRE SERVICE INFORMATION ADDED THAT VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH HIMSELF HAD CALLED THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO THREATEN THAT, IF THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT DID NOT ALLOW THE ENTRY OF THAT DONATION, THIS WOULD BE DENOUNCED AS A THREAT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THIS COUNTRY. BUSH EVEN THREATENED NOT TO SEND THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA..." END NOTED THAT, "IT SEEMS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS EITHER VIOLATING HIS COUNTRY'S LAWS RELATING TO THE COMMERCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST NICARAGUA OR HE IS ACCEPTING THAT THE NEWSPAPER LA PRENSA IS THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES."

4. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE GON COMMUNIQUE ON THE LA PRENSA NEWSPRINT DONATION.

BEGIN TEXT:
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THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION AND PRESS OF THE PRESIDENCY MAKES KNOWN TO THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT:

1) THE COMMERCIAL EMBARGO THAT THE NORTH AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IMPOSED ON OUR COUNTRY ON MAY 1, 1985, IN ADDITION TO BEING IMMORAL DUE TO THE EFFECTS IT HAS ON THE WELLBEING OF OUR PEOPLE, WAS DECLARED ILLEGAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE HAGUE JUNE 27, 1986, BECAUSE IT VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE BILATERAL TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NICARAGUA; AS WELL AS VIOLATING THE NORMS AND PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE GATT.

2) THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA REITERATES THAT IT WILL CONSENT TO RECEIVE ALL HUMANITARIAN AID THAT FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES GRANT OUR NATION IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING THAT THE ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL WAR IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CAUSES OUR PEOPLE; AND THAT SUCH AID WILL ALWAYS BE ACCEPTED, AS LONG AS IT RESPECTS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE NICARAGUAN STATE THAT THE SAME BE USED WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS.

3) WE HAVE RECEIVED WITH SURPRISE THE INFORMATION THAT THE NORTH AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION PRETENDED TO USE THE "AMERICA FOUNDATION," WHICH HAS DISGUISED ITSELF AS BEING A CHANNEL OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), TO INTRODUCE INTO THE COUNTRY FOR PROPAGANDISTIC ENDS, IN A SPECIAL CHARTERED FLIGHT, SUPPOSEDLY HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES FOR THE CHILDREN OF

NICARAGUA CONSIGNED TO THE NEWSPAPER "LA PRENSA" AND

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IN WHICH WAS INCLUDED A RIDICULOUSLY (SMALL) AMOUNT
OF NEWSPRINT FOR THE PUBLISHING OF THAT NEWSPAPER
FOR ONLY A FEW DAYS.

4) THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA CONSIDERS THAT THIS PRE-
TENDED SHIPMENT CONSTITUTES A MOCKERY OF NICARAGUAN
CHILDREN AND OF THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA IN GENERAL,
SINCE, WITH THAT PAPER OF NORTH AMERICAN ORIGIN THEY
WERE ALSO BRINGING "DONATED" ARTICLES IN MINIMAL
QUANTITIES, WHICH HAS ONLY SERVED TO UNCOVER ITS NATURE
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AS NOTHING MORE THAN A PROPAGANDA MANEUVER.

5) THE COMMERCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST NICARAGUA, DERIVING
FROM AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES, BASED ON WHAT IS CALLED THE "LAW OF INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC EMERGENCY POWERS" AND ON THE "LAW OF NATIONAL
EMERGENCIES," ESTABLISHES THAT NORTH AMERICAN EXPORTS
TO NICARAGUA ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED EXCEPT THOSE
DESTINED TO SO-CALLED ORGANIZATIONS OF "DEMOCRATIC
RESISTANCE," THUS PROHIBITING ACCESS TO NORTH AMERICAN
GOODS BY THE REST OF THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE.

6) THE PROBLEM OF THE SHORTAGE OF PAPER IN THE COUNTRY,
DUE TO LACK OF DOLLARS, IS BEING PORTRAYED BY THE
AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AS A THREAT TO FREEDOM OF THE
PRESS. THIS WE ENERGETICALLY REJECT, SINCE LA PRENSA

HAS RECEIVED THESE LAST FEW DAYS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, SUFFICIENT PAPER, SUPPLIED BY THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL, TO LAST UNTIL THE NEXT SHIP BRINGING A LOAD OF PAPER ACQUIRED THROUGH A LINE OF CREDIT FROM THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH WILL BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRINT MEDIA AS WELL AS FOR THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY, ARRIVES IN THE COUNTRY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

7) WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ABIDE BY INTERNATIONAL LAW; RESPECT THE RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE REGARDING ITS COMMERCIAL EMBARGO; AND, TO THIS END, DEMONSTRATE ITS POLITICAL WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT THE ESQUIPULAS ACCORDS AND THE ACCORDS LATER SIGNED BY NICARAGUA IN SAPOA BY NOT EXTENDING THE CURRENT EMBARGO THAT EXPIRES ON APRIL 30 OF THIS YEAR; AND THUS FACILITATING THE NORMAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
END TEXT.

5. NOTE: LA PRENSA RECEIVED 40 TONS OF NEWSPRINT YESTERDAY, APRIL 11, FROM THE GON SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL. LA PRENSA DID NOT PUBLISH ITS AFTERNOON EDITION YESTERDAY, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE NEWSPRINT WAS DELIVERED TOO LATE (AFTER NOON) TO BE SET UP FOR THE DAILY PRESS RUN. ALSO, ELECTRIC POWER IN THE AREA OF THE LA PRENSA PLANT HAS BEEN OUT SINCE APRIL 11 AND PUBLICATION OF THE APRIL 12 EDITION IS UNCERTAIN. END NOTE.
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